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SUBJECT: NIGHT REACH AND UNEF STATUS REPORT

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1. CHIEF OF UN FIELD OPERATION SERVICE LANSKY GAVE US FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON NIGHT REACH AND UNEF, PARTIALLY IN RESPONSE TO POINTS RAISED STATE REFTELS, PARTLY AS GENERAL UPDATING.

2. AFTER EXPRESSING GREAT APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION THAT US WILL NOT REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FOR AIRLIFTS OF PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES TO GET UNEF I PLACE, LANSKY ASKED ONCE AGAIN IF US WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GIVE UN DISCOUNT ON HEAVY EQUIPMENT. WE REPLIED THAT WE WERE AWAITING RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT ON THIS QUESTION.

3. LANSKY SAID FRENCH HAD DECLINED TO PROVIDE ANY EQUIPMENT AND SOVIETS HAD NOT YET REPLIED. IT WAS CLEAR THAT SOME SOVIET VEHICLES WOULD BE BROUGHT IN "THROUGH THE BACK DOOR" SINCE POLES HAD BEEN ASKED TO BRING WITH THEM TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT. POLISH ENGINEERING SQUADRON WOULD COMPRISE ABOUT 200 MEN, WHILE CANADIAN SIGNAL SQUADRON WOULD TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 480. (CANADIANS, HOWEVER, HAVE MADE NO FORMAL COMMITMENT TO UN PENDING EXPECTED DECISION BY PARLIAMENT NOVEMBER 9).

4. BESIDES PANAMA AND PERU, ONLY OTHER CONTINGENT THAT US WILL PROBABLY BE ASKED TO LIFT DURING INITIAL PHASE IS THAT OF INDONESIA. USSR WILL PROBABLY BE REQUESTED TO LIFT TROOPS FROM NEPAL, GHANA AND POLAND, WHILE CANADA WILL TRANSPORT ITS OWN TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT.

5. PERU INFORMED UN ITS CONTINGENT WOULD BE READY BY NOVEMBER 12, BUT UN ANSWERED THAT IT COULD NOT SPECIFY DEPARTURE DATE UNTIL UNEF LOGISTICS BECAME BETTER ORGANIZED. PANAMA HAD NOT YET GIVEN A DEPARTURE DATE, AND UN WAS NOT PRESSING FOR ONE SINCE IT WOULD NOT BE READY FOR PANAMA CONTINGENT "FOR AT LEAST A WEEK OR 10 DAYS." BOTH COUNTRIES HAD BEEN ASKED FOR NUMBERS OF
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TROOPS, WEIGHT AND CUBIC FOOTAGE OF EQUIPEMTN, ETC., BUT NEITHER HAD YET SUBMITTED INFO. PANAMA, INCIDENTALLY, HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO BE AIRLIFTED BY US.

6. LANSKY'S REACTION TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY INDONESIAN OFFICER (JAKARTA 13046) WAS THAT COMMUNICATION WITHIN INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT MUST BE NIL. HE SAID HE HAD HAD LONG CONVERSATION FIVE DAYS AGO WITH INDONESIAN DEPUTY PERMREP

SOEGOMO (HIMSELF A GENERAL) WHO HAD ASKED VIRTUALLY ALL THE SAME QUESTIONS PUT TO OUR EMBASSY, AND HAD BEEN GIVEN FULL AND DETAILED ANSWERS. SOEGOMO HAD PARTICULARLY REQUESTED US LIFT, OR AS HE PUT IT TO LANSKY, "WHY MAKE THE RUSSIANS GO OUT OF THEIR WAY?"

7. LANSKY CONFIRMED THAT UN HAD ASKED GHANA TO SUPPLY ONE INFANTRY BATTALION. HE EXPECTED TO WORK OUT DETAILS OF GHANAIAN CONTRIBUTION WITH GHANA'S AMBASSADOR NOVEMBER 9.

8. IN ANSWER TO OUR QUESTION, LANSKY SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATELY IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT EQUIPMENT AIRLIFT MISSIONS, BESIDES THOSE ALREADY REQUESTED, WOULD BE REQUIRED BY THE UN BEFORE THE INSERTION OF ADDITIONAL TROOPS. EACH CONTINGENT WAS BEING ASKED TO COME WITH SUPPLIES FOR 30 DAYS. HOWEVER, SOME DO NOT HAVE ALL THE EQUIPMENT THEY WILL NEED. (PANAMA, WITH NO WATER PURIFICATION UNITS, WAS ONE EXAMPLE.) ALSO, SMALL AMOUNTS OF CONSUMABLES WILL BE ACQUIRED LOCALLY. WITH THESE IMPONDERABLES, IT SIMPLY IS NOT POSSIBLE TO KNOW JUST WHAT EQUIPMENT WILL BE NEEDED.
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